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INTRODUCTORY

This initial number of the Annals of the Entomological Society of America marks the beginning of an enterprise which it is hoped may become of the greatest value to entomological science in America. Coming as it does as a response to the demand evidenced by a membership of nearly 500 reached within a year from the organization of the society, there is every reason to predict for it a useful service to entomological students.

The scope of the Annals will be as broad as the interests of the Society which it represents but it may not be out of place to emphasize the point that papers dealing with morphologic, faunistic and biologic problems as well as taxonomy in its broadest sense will be especially welcome.

Entomology at the present time is too intimately blended with other branches of science to permit of any narrow limitation for its activities. This Journal can, it is believed, best serve the Society and the science of Entomology at large by furnishing a medium of publication to the varied lines of research concerning insect life and all that pertains thereto. It can serve the progress of biological science in general by stimulating research and discussion concerning those phases of insect life which bear upon the deeper problems of life as a whole. The wealth

of this material is too familiar to most entomologists to need mention but it is only too evident that the opportunity afforded has been too little appreciated by biologists. With a large and enthusiastic body of working entomologists for its support, an unlimited field for original work in the branch of science it represents, and with a growing appreciation of the value of science in general culture, we may predict for the *Annals* an unlimited growth.

For the sake of a permanent record this number includes the minutes of the meetings already held, copy of the constitution and a list of members. Hereafter these matters doubtless can be condensed into much smaller space and the pages devoted almost entirely to the scientific proceedings of the Society and to original papers.